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1. AMERICAN AIRLINES (AA) BARBADIAN ATTORNEY CHRIS BLACKMAN ADVISED ME BY TELEPHONE THIS AFTERNOON (SEPT 9) THAT THE GOB AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY (ATLA) MET YESTERDAY AND AGREED TO HEAR OBJECTIONS TO THE AA LICENSE ON SEPT 23.

2. (THE PRIMIN, ICA CHAIRMAN-ATLA MEMBER - SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL IAN ARCHER, AND PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE PM'S OFFICE SAM CORBIN, ARE AWAY FROM BARBADOS, PRESUMABLY LEAVING ATLA, ON COURSE TO DELAY AA, BUT WITHOUT FURTHER PLANS BEYOND BUILDING UP PRESSURE ON USG AND CAB TO EXPEDITE ICA APPLICATION.)

3. AA VICE PRES CYRUS COLLINS TELEPHONED ME WHILE THIS CABLE WAS BEING COMPOSED -- ADVISED THAT HE WILL ARRIVE MONDAY (SEPT 15) TO ASSESS POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION. AA WILL CANCEL FLIGHTS UP TO OCTOBER 12. IF SEPT 23 MEETING NOT AFFIRMATIVE, ALL OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER FLIGHTS ARE TO BE CANCELLED. MARTINIQUE AND GUADALOUPE, WITH CAB ENCOURAGEMENT, ARE OFFERING THEMSELVES. HE ALSO SAID THAT BILL CALD-
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WELL OF CAB WILL SPEAK AT THE CARIBBEAN TOURISM ASSOCIATION

MEETING THIS FRIDAY (SEPT 12) AT THE BARBADOS HILTON.

4. COMMENT: WOULD BE HELPFUL IF CALDWELL COULD SAY SOMETHING TO BREAK THE INERTIA -- AND CERTAINLY NOTHING TO EXACERBATE THE SITUATION. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO ADVISORY ON HIS COMING TO BARBADOS. THE AMERICAN ATTORNEY FOR BARBADOS HANDLING CAB WAS MENTIONED AS BEING NEGATIVE OR NEAR PNG BEFORE CAB EYES.

TO ASSESS GOB STRATEGY IN THIS MATTER, KEEP IN MIND THAT 1974 US AIR ARRIVALS WERE SEPTEMBER - 1,063, OCTOBER - 1,026, AND NOVEMBER - 6,276.

I HAVE SUGGESTED TO AA ATTORNEY FIRM BUT GENTLE PRESSURE ON ATLA TO DISQUALIFY TWO ATLA MEMBERS WITH ICA TIES, AND LOW KEY ANY REFERENCE TO GOB FOR THE PRESENT.

IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US IF THE DEPARTMENT COULD:

1. CONTINUE PRESSING CAB TO MEET EARLIER.
 2. GIVE SOME BACKGROUND ON CALDWELL, HIS PLANS, AND PROPOSED REMARKS.
 3. GIVE SOME BACKGROUND ON THE CAB ATTORNEY FOR GOB IF AVAILABLE.
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